# Funding Water and Wastewater Needs with CDBG Department of Economic & Community Development



#### What is CDBG?

- Community Development Block Grants are funded annually through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income
- At least 85% of Tennessee's funds each year are for infrastructure/public facilities projects

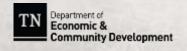
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- Funding has to benefit persons of low and moderate income, prevent slums and blight or address an imminent threat to public safety
- TN receives approximately \$24m per year
- Highly competitive grant program
  - 2014, 116 applications (60% funded)
  - 2015, 131 applications (41% funded)
  - 2016, 140 applications (44% funded)
  - 2017, 148 applications (39% funded)



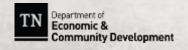
## Application Criteria and Eligibility

- Only counties and incorporated cities and towns are eligible. (Excluding Entitlement communities)
- Each community can only have 1 grant at a time and can only apply for 1 grant at a time.
- Talk with your community leaders to let them know about the potential projects and then find out when the public hearing will be so people can speak to your project.
- Most communities work with an administrator who has grant writing experience to walk them through the process.



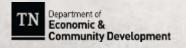
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- The number of LMI persons who will be served must be documented
- The need/problem and the solution must be clearly detailed and backup documentation provided
- Applicants for wastewater must submit to be on TDEC priority ranking list
- Applications are due February 23, 2018
- Announcements are made in the fall



## **Application Categories**

- Community Livability
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Sewer Line Extension
- Water Line Extension
- Sewer System (Plant)
- Sewer System (Collection)
- Water System



#### **Entitlement Communities**

- Bristol
- Chattanooga
- Clarksville
- Cleveland
- Franklin
- Hendersonville
- Jackson

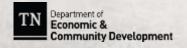
- Johnson City
- Knoxville
- Kingsport
- Memphis
- Morristown
- Murfreesboro
- Oak Ridge

- Nashville-Davidson County Metro
- Knox County
- Shelby County

- Talk with our local department that handles CDBGs
- Participate in the Consolidated Plan process

### What types of projects are funded?

- Wastewater (Not a comprehensive list)
  - Line replacement/rehab
  - Manhole replacement/rehab
  - Pump station replacement
  - Various plant improvements
    - Headworks
    - Lagoon rehab
    - Clarifiers
    - Etc.
  - Investigative work



### What types of projects are funded?

#### Water

- Line replacement/rehab
- Water storage tanks
- Transmission lines
- Various plant improvements
- Smart water meters
- Fire hydrant replacement/rehab
- Investigative work



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